

Newson's dignity recalled

BY RACHEL HEPWORTH
AND JOE CRESSMAN

SECTION EDITORS

The Taylor community lost a dear friend and colleague Saturday, April 19 when LaVerne Newson, director of American ethnic student programs, died at Marion General Hospital from an extended battle with lung disease.

"We watched her, through her physical sufferings, speak out and sing out with joy and confidence," said President David Gyertson at a memorial service held Wednesday evening in Rediger Auditorium.

Newson's family was also present at the one-and-a-half-hour observance in which Taylor faculty, staff, students and friends remembered her life and legacy.

"LaVerne Newson was a dedi-

cated woman of God who loved her students deeply," said Walt Campbell, dean of students. "She faced her illness with grace and dignity; she never let herself get down about it. We were blessed to know and serve with her."

Newson, 50, who began working at Taylor in October 2001, saw her position as a way to combine her faith with her work.

"There is a lot of work that needs to be done in the body of Christ in the area of racial and cultural reconciliation, and I've had a desire for a long time to be directly involved in that work and, therefore, really consider this a ministry," she said in a past interview. "I'm glad to see my faith intersect directly with my profession."

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dents. A couple students shared lasting memories of her.

"LaVerne was an amazing woman of God, sweet-spirited and determined to do what she set out to do, and she has done



Photo courtesy of University Relations

LAVERNE NEWSON, director of American ethnic student programs

so," said sophomore Sky Siu. "She challenged me in realizing what it means to love others, and I appreciate all she gave to me."

Newson was born on June 16,

1952 in Chicago. She worked in career counseling, orientation and college success courses at three colleges before coming to Taylor. She also was a senior consultant for college survival with the Houghton Mifflin Company in St. Charles, Illinois.

"She was a positive role model for ethnic and international students," said senior Sherian Nowlen, president of AHANA, "and she will be missed greatly by all of Taylor."

Survivors include Newson's mother, Jessie Chavers; father, Felix Robeson; son, Emanuel Lewis; sister, Diane Delany; and brothers, Garland Robeson, Tyrone Robeson and Renard Robeson.

For funeral service information, contact the Wallace Funeral Home, 5838 West Division, Chicago, Ill., (773) 378-6685.

Youth Conference to host 350 high schoolers

BY ERIK KIELISCH
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, 350 local high school students will invade the campus for Taylor's 2003 Youth Conference, expecting three days of fun and spiritual growth.

"Expect loud, rowdy, high school students all over campus. They're coming to wreak havoc, act as immature as possible and have fun," said senior Lucas Cherry, Youth Conference co-director.

James Bond's secret identity is the theme of the "Identity Confirmed" conference that will feature national speaker Matt Massey, Christian rock bands Switchfoot and a.m.Drive, workshops, discussion groups and games.

According to Cherry, the goal of the weekend is to "let the high school students know that they should not run from who they are in Christ, but take that identity and do wonderful things with it."

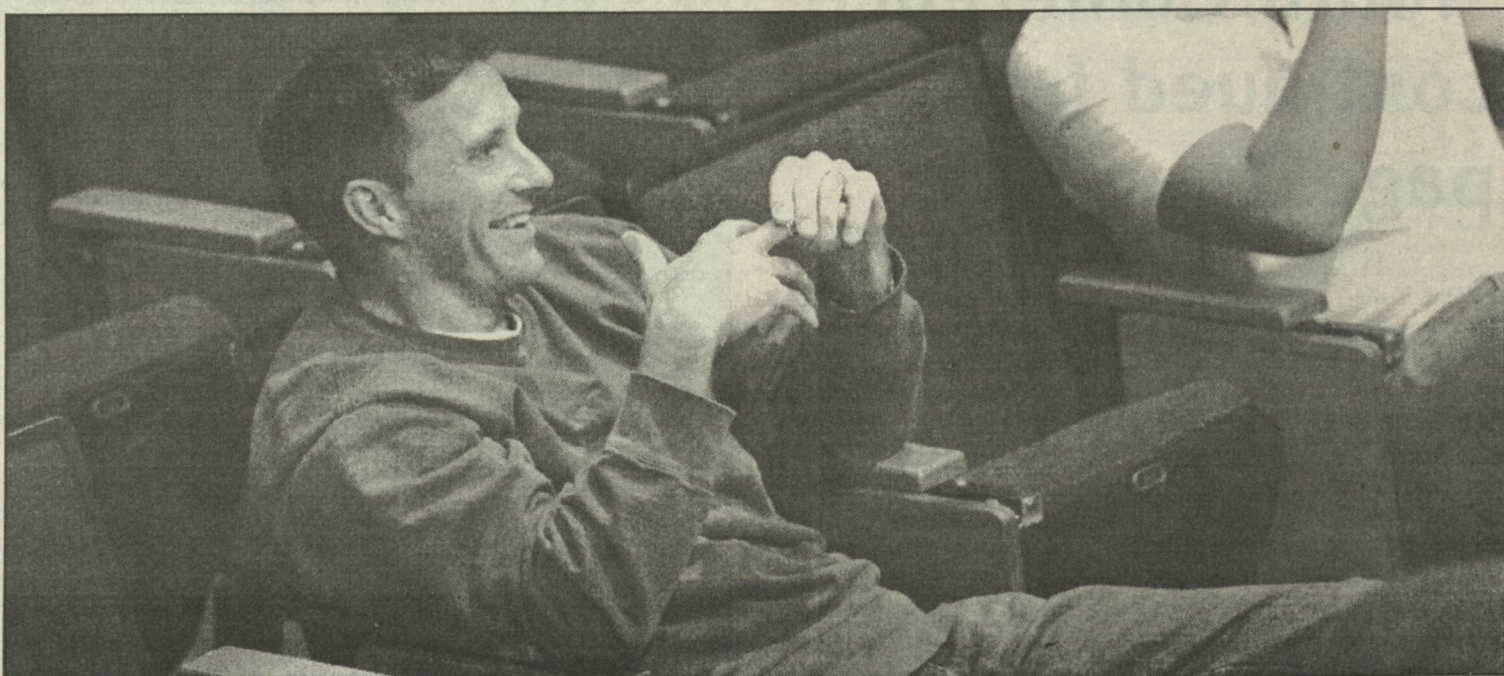


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NATIONAL SPEAKER MATT MASSEY WILL GIVE four sessions this weekend on how high school students can find their true identity.

"Taylor students play a huge role in the functioning of the weekend," Cherry said. "The key is to have as many students involved as possible, so that the high school students see living examples of what it means to

have our identity formed in Christ."

The workshops will focus on topics such as athletics, worship, drama, small group Bible studies, evangelism and faith. The students will also play "Crud

Wars," which includes unique games like butterball football, soap racing and shirt fishing.

"The awesome events will be one thing, but the spiritual enrichment is the purpose of the weekend," Cherry said. "To see

the Spirit move throughout people this weekend is what makes it all worth it."

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Wall of Honor celebrates donors' faithfulness

BY AARON SHAPIRO
STAFF WRITER

Taylor just established its Council of 100 to honor and recognize its greatest financial supporters, according to Chuck Stevens, director of stewardship and scholarships.

"The Council of 100 stands for those individuals, whether they are corporations, families or foundations that have given over \$100,000 to Taylor University," said Stevens. "Although some of these gifts may have come in large measure, our concern was that we honor and acknowledge those who have been faithful givers over their lifetime."

The Council members, currently made up of 127 donors, are recognized on the Wall of Honor which was placed in the Galleria on April 5, Stevens said. The members range from a 1916 Taylor graduate, now deceased, all the way to current community members such as Chancellor Jay Kesler.

"Paul [the apostle] recognized individuals who provided support, to help encourage others to give. So our intent is to honor

AT A GLANCE:

♦ Recently Taylor honored the Council of 100, 127 financial supporters who have donated over \$100,000 to Taylor, by hanging a plaque in the Galleria.

these people, and at the same time encourage others to get involved with Taylor University in a similar manner," Stevens said. "It's almost like setting a goal that they could be part of the Council of 100. Not as an egotistical thing, but as a ministry opportunity."

Stevens said there are plenty of open spaces on the Wall of Honor, and currently about 70 donors in the range of \$80,000.

Recently the Council of 100 was invited to Taylor for the unveiling of the Wall, Stevens said. Thirty-three of the families and groups were represented at the event which included a reception at President Gyertson's house, the unveiling of the wall and the annual president's dinner. All members of the Council received a bronze medallion and a lapel pin.

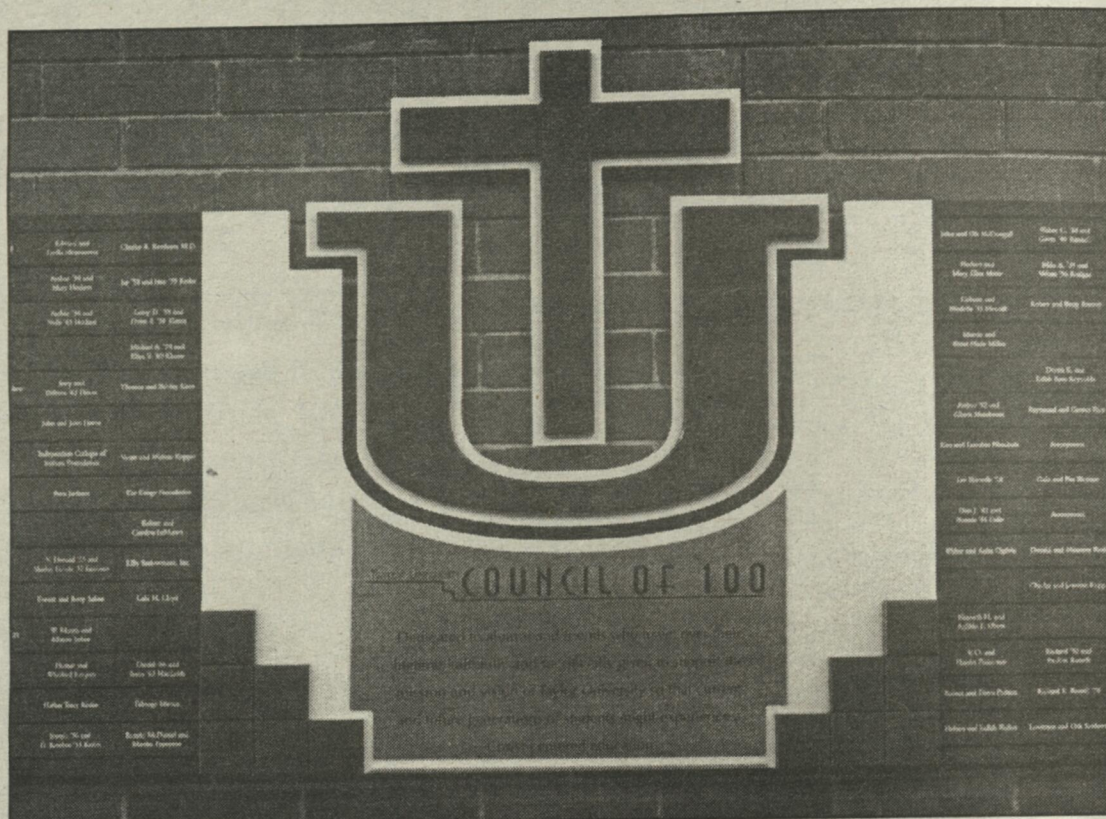


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ACCORDING TO CHUCK STEVENS, director of stewardship and scholarships, there are still spaces available on the Wall of Honor, which currently holds the names of 127 donors.

The idea for the Council of 100 came from Harold Hazen, vice president for university advancement, said Stevens. The details of the Council and the Wall of

Honor were finalized by a committee that included both Hazen and Stevens.

"We feel that this Council of 100 Wall of Honor is almost a

memorial, a symbol of people who are committed to the ministry, the mission and the vision of Taylor University," Stevens said.

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This is the 70th annual Youth Conference that seeks to reach out to high school students. To ensure that money doesn't keep any local students from attending, Taylor has dropped the rates for Grant County students from \$75 to \$40.

The students will spend the weekend in games, concerts and small groups from early morning until midnight. They will stay in the dorms for two nights and will eat at least one meal with Taylor students in the Dining Commons.

If Taylor students aren't officially helping with the weekend, Cherry encourages them to attend the four seminars, games and concert because, "The most

important thing for the life of a high schooler is to not only go through spiritual revitalization, but to have people he or she respects living the life as well.

"Living life as an example of Christ is a great motivator for a high school student to do the same," added Cherry. "Show them who you are and don't be afraid to become a part of someone's life for a weekend who could quite possibly need you to invest in them."

Some students are looking forward to the weekend.

"The best part of being involved is having kids look up to you and pay attention to what you're saying," said junior Isaac Pellerin, a student

YOUTH CONFERENCE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25

7 p.m. - speaker Matt Massey, session I in Chapel

10 p.m. - Games in Odle Gymnasium

Saturday, April 26

9 a.m. - Matt Massey, session II in Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Matt Massey, session III in Chapel

9 p.m. - Switchfoot concert in Odle Gymnasium

Sunday, April 27

10 a.m. - Matt Massey, session IV in Chapel

* Schedule subject to change

leader at the 2002 conference. "It made me see how much of an impact I have just because I'm a little older than they are."

Sophomore Isaac Belcher said,

"It's a really fun time for students to come see what college life is about and gives them a great chance to make friends with college students."

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Part 3 VOICES From the PAST!

A look into the hearts and minds of past Taylor students

BY RACHEL HEPWORTH
FEATURES EDITOR

In the last two parts of this series of finding the voices of past Taylor students, I focused on specific issues. In the process of searching for those issues, I came across countless fun/fascinating/over-the-top little stories that made me want to jump up and show someone.

As I skimmed *The Echo's* headlines while searching for stories on World War II, I would do a double take in practically every issue. In a 1934 *Echo*, next to a story on the growing threat of war in Europe, was the headline "Porter Gets Live Alligator as Pet." A female student was keeping her pet alligator in her dorm room. The story ended with "Who said our modern girls are afraid of the strange things that creep in this old earth?"

And that was the second alligator story I had come across! Later in the 30's "Monster Arrives at T.U." tells of a mother of a freshman student "giving" the biology department a live alligator. At that time, Sickler Hall, which now houses William Taylor Foundation and Alumni Relations, was the science building.

The article readers, "Students and friends of the science department may view the monster in his lair at the Zoology laboratory in Sickler Hall, where he is being carefully guarded so that no savage attacks may be made on the visitors."

Going on with the strange animal theme, the November 20, 1937 *Echo* reports the discovery of a rare species of shrew ("Taylor Tames Shrew"). A biology professor took the shrew to a meeting of the Academy of Science where a "famed naturalist" was scheduled to speak. He

Monster tales from old

was later asked to send the animal to the National Museum in Washington, D.C., where it most likely rests to this day.

Journalistic styles have changed significantly since the 30's and 40's. So have standards of professionalism and what is acceptable to be printed. In the first half of the last century, with the school's enrollment around 200-400 students, content wasn't quite as censored/edited as it is now. Half the fun has been laughing at articles that never would have made it now.

"Taylor Bachelor Tells Why He Loves Women" goes through 11 complaints about women and ends with "I tried, and I failed."

In almost every issue of the 30's, a section would be reserved for alumni news. Most of this consisted of snippets like "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith had a baby girl" or "James Rice is teaching at Biola College."

But one definitely caught my eye: "Wendell Owen has been very ill from the bite of a spider. He is reported to be some better."

The crowning moment of all of this was my discovery of a 1937 paper with the headlines "Despondent Editor Takes Only Way Out" and "President Stuart is Victim of Crime," complete with horribly realistic photos of

the bodies. I called over Heather Ittleman, the Archives coordinator, and we both stared at it in shocked disbelief. Then, I saw the date. April 1st. A small text box at the bottom of the page confirmed it.

"Notice! If you have a tendency to get angry or criticize the authenticity of the material in this issue of the *Echo*, remember the date. The editors will be held responsible only for the alumni news, the ads, and the cartoon on page 2. The rest is a lot of 'hokey.'"

Oh, those were the days. A time when ads in the *Echo* only cost 1 cent per word. A time when the freshman class was only 50 students, so the student directory was in the *Echo*, one class at a time.

But some things never really change. Students have always been students. A satirical "Student Dictionary" in 1938 said

"A - Alarm - The much hated morning toxin

T - Textbook - closely studied by students every two months

V - Verbs - The horror of every student taking some foreign chatter"

"M" stood for "Milk - A substitute for T.U. water." Apparently, water problems were then an issue. Good thing that changed.

It was good to see that Taylor students were and are still fun-loving and have always enjoyed the quirkier aspects of college life. Academics are, of course, the reason we are all here, but a little craziness is essential in any life setting.

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"Honest criticism is hard to take-- especially when it comes from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger."

-Franklin P. Jones

Contemporary worship lacking in many areas

By ANDERS HELQUIST
OPINIONS EDITOR



Modern-day worship is in need of a major makeover. Last year, and continuing into this year, I have observed and analyzed different worship styles at Taylor and abroad. I can be silent no longer.

Contemporary worship is lacking, in many areas.

Before you commence with stoning me, let me say not all contemporary worship is shallow. There are some lyrics that are meaningful and glorify Jesus, not ourselves.

However, most contemporary worship appears to be self-centered as one sings at the top of their lungs how "I sought the Lord." This isn't exactly the best way to glorify God, but rather

ourselves and what we accomplish. Hymns, however, describe the wonders God has performed.

Contemporary worship is filled with emotional highs that seem to bring a fake or ill-directed worship attitude. Let me explain.

The applause after individual or group performances/worship also seems to reflect praise directed in the wrong direction. Shouldn't our applause be directed toward God? Instead, I hear high-pitched screams with clap-

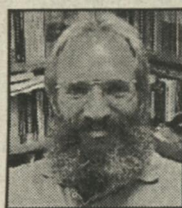
ping after the person(s) are finished. If they are directing their talents toward God in worship, should not our applause be for God, not man's glory?

The continuous repetition of phrases lulls the congregation into a trance. There are many times I have heard the line, "Glory, glory, send Your glory." This isn't a bad phrase, until it is repeated eight times! Jesus said in Matthew 6:7, "And when you are praying, do not use meaning-

less repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words." The beating of the drums brings us into a mantra like tribes worshipping multiple gods.

In conclusion, contemporary worship is not evil. There are songs that glorify God, but the majority seem to glorify man. I leave you with one question. When you worship, is it because you desire God, or are you doing it to blend in with everyone else?

Finding balance in pacifism and militarism



Following Marvin Dawn's thoughtful and thought-provoking chapel address of April 9 on war, I am constrained to offer some personal reflections on her address.

At the outset, let me say that I write both as a personal friend of Dawn and as one who has participated in past discussions of war that involved Dawn. I am moreover extremely grateful for the way in which the Lord has used Dawn over the years in diverse sectors of the Body of Christ. Her work in the areas of worship and Christian spirituality in particular have challenged and assisted many.

Dawn raises important questions when she calls the Christian community to reflect on the meaning of Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." And it is not inappropriate to call American Christians to consider with humble sobriety what America's role in foreign affairs might be. The suggestion that the United States walk humbly and serve the nations, rather than being a "bully to the nations," is not without merit. Indeed, with great influence comes greater accountability.

Furthermore, Dawn prods us in the right direction when she asks us rhetorically, "How often have you prayed for Saddam Hussein?" "How often have you prayed for the Iraqi people?" "Do you pray for peace?" and like probing questions. These are

entirely fitting and, hopefully, call us afresh to our knees.

It is Dawn's implied answer, however, namely, that war is inherently and always unjust, that the loss of human life in any context is wrong, and that the United States is oppressing rather than alleviating the suffering of the Iraqi people, that requires a measured and firm response.

Curiously absent from Dawn's pacifistic presentation was any allusion to the fact that the fathers of the church-- in every age -- have wrestled with the dilemma of war. We are not the first to agonize over this difficult issue. It is not that there is no moral basis for the pacifist position-- a position that Dawn embraces.

Non-violence as a matter of private conscience has much to commend it -- e.g., it challenges non-pacifists to explore more fully non-violent means to conflict resolution; it takes seriously Christian discipleship and it awaits the day in which sin and death will be no more.

But the full weight of biblical revelation reminds us that the state has a divinely-appointed function in maintaining social and moral order. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a member of the "confessing church" in Nazi Germany, acknowledged this role in his book *Ethics*: "the mission of government consists of...the exercise of the worldly power of the sword and of justice." This he could acknowledge despite its totalitarian potential -- a potential that took his own life, following his part in the attempt-

ed assassination of Hitler.

What was missing from Dawn's address was thinking within the wider context of the Christian moral tradition. The fathers of the church -- both ancient and modern -- in concert remind us that there is a morally guided and justified use of force, whether domestically (in criminal justice) or internationally (in foreign affairs), that can also be an expression of Christian charity. As the faculty forum in late March hopefully demonstrated, the just-war tradition represents a mediating position between the two extremes of pacifism and militarism.

Ambrose and Augustine both advanced a form of the just-war doctrine that simultaneously proscribed individual self-defense and required defense of a third party. Thomas Aquinas, following in the Augustinian tradition, more fully developed the notion of legitimate political authority as a fundamental assumption in

just-war thinking. Thomas was responding to banditry, marauding, private pillaging and vigilante justice that was so typical of his own day. Early modern theorists such as Francisco Vitoria and Hugo Grotius developed just-war thinking in its application to non-Christian peoples, contending that natural law, not merely Christian faith, legitimizes the use of military force as a response to social evil. Grotius in particular wrestled with the need for preemptive action, identifying scenarios in which military force was justified as well as unjustified.

More recent reflections on just-war theory have been offered by Paul Ramsey and James Turner Johnson. Ramsey poses the following rather fascinating question, based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan: What would have been the Samaritan's obligation had he come upon the beating, or, had he arrived shortly before the

beating commenced? Ramsey's response is unequivocal: Christian charity requires that we protect the intended victim, and in some cases, act preemptively. Ramsey agrees with Ambrose and Augustine: not to do so is immoral and a withdrawal of Christian charity. While Christian love will seek to avoid violent responses, where no resolution is forthcoming justice may require morally guided force. For justice is not merely the absence of peace; there is such a thing as an unjust peace.

The application of U.S. military force abroad confronts us with sobering questions that should induce within us great humility. Contrary to the impression left by Dawn, "poverty of spirit" need not lead us to the pacifist position. Nor should it induce guilt among those who disagree.

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Letters to the Editor

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"Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism. Confronting your fears and allowing yourself the right to be human can, paradoxically, make you a far happier and more productive person."

-Dr. David M. Burns

Term "hacker" is misperceived definition

By MATTHEW WISSMAN
GUEST COLUMNIST



With all of the talk of computer security going, I would like to clear something up.

It seems that a lot of people misuse or don't fully understand the meaning of the word 'hacker.'

Most non-technical people use 'hacker' only to refer to people that break into computers for malicious purposes.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the term 'hack' or 'hacker' has nothing to do with breaking into computer systems. A hack is a prank or practical joke that is clever and ethical.

One hack transformed MIT's great dome to look like R2-D2. Check out <http://hacks.mit.edu> for more info.

In a very general sense a hacker is an expert or enthusiastic in any area. So, in this sense a 'hacker' is someone who really enjoys computer programming, not some one who breaks into

computers to harm people. The average 'computer geek' would fall under this definition. 'Hacker' can also refer to someone who enjoys intellectual problems and finding creative ways around limitations. This type of hacker often enjoys using a computer to solve problems and looking for ways around limita-

tions in computers. I think this is where the root of the confusion lies.

Some hackers might like to

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find ways around the security systems in computers and break into people's computers. This can be both good and bad. It's good when the hacker has the permission of the computer owner. If the hacker finds a hole, he or she reports the hole to the appropriate people. It's bad when the hacker does it without

the owner's permission. This gets into the issue of 'hacker ethics' which in general means that one won't use computers in a malicious way, say by defacing news web sites.

The last definition of hacker that I'd like to talk about is the one most non-technology people probably use. This hacker is the person who breaks into a computer with the intent of harming people. Although this is the common use of the word, it brings a very negative connotation to a word that has lots of positive meanings.

One may ask, "If hacker is used in so many different ways what do we call people who use

computers maliciously?" This is a good question and that's why I have compiled a small list of alternatives for this use of hacker.

A term commonly accepted among computer people is 'cracker.' I do realize 'cracker' has other connotations. Another term that I've heard is 'cyber terrorist.' One could also qualify 'hacker' by saying 'malicious hacker' or 'bad hacker' or 'morally deficient hacker.'

The main point I'd like people to realize is that 'hacker' doesn't necessarily carry a negative connotation. If you would like more info on the term 'hacker,' go to www.dictionary.com and search for hacker. If you want to learn more about computer related issues go to <http://slashdot.org>.

Letter to the editor: More attention needed for elderly

How's your grandma doing? Or what about your grandpa? Do you really know? Do you really care? My reason for asking is threefold. One, I love the elderly. Two, I see their physical as well as emotional struggles. And, three, my eighty-six year old grandma has recently told me of her loneliness.

Maybe, your grandma is like mine. She lives alone and her Oldsmobile sits in the garage because she is no longer allowed to drive. When she runs out of milk, she waits for Linda to bring her some more. Her parents and her brothers are all dead now.

And her friends, they are, too. As for her five kids, oh, how she loves them dearly, but she stays in the distance as she knows that they are busy in their careers and are becoming grandparents themselves. She does not say it, but she is feeling nonetheless so lonely.

Try parking your car for a month here at Taylor (after all, you can go by foot to all that Upland, the metropolis of metropolises, has to offer in, well, a really short time) so you would be up for the automobile fast, right? But, in all serious-

ness, I am just trying to convey that we cannot begin to know what it is like to have driven for eons and now not be able to "get

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up and go when you want." And, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and friends. We all want them; we all need them. A world without them would be unbearable or would it? How are your grand-

parents doing?

I am not trying to make you dread getting older because the later years, while not the "golden" years, can be full of beauty. I am, however, hoping that your hearts only grow warmer towards the elderly as you are getting older yourself. Just, for a minute, think of the times in the past (e.g., your childhood) where what you did brought you the attention you craved but as you moved out of that developmental stage, doing those same things did not get you the ooohs and awwws anymore.

Let me ask: what does it take for the elderly to get your ooohs and awwws? Like you and me, they want and need attention.

The elderly are so cool and can be a lot of fun. Spend time with them, whether it be your grandparent or not. Conversations are always great and insightful. Ask about life during the Great Depression or sleeping on beds made of straw. Like all of us, they have a lot to share. They enjoy many of the same things that we enjoy. You may have to help them, but they like going out on the town, too.

By Erin Blasdel

Letter to the editor: Struggling as an imperfect perfectionist

"That 'o' isn't round." I looked down at the paper on which I was taking notes and chided myself for once again falling short of perfection.

It all started when I took a handwriting class in which we were taught the correct way to write our letters. We were told that the letters must be perfectly vertical, perfectly rounded, and perfectly straight. Once again I had failed. Once again, I hadn't

met the mark. But then again, maybe that wasn't where the perfectionism began.

Clothes were heaped in a pile. Dishes were unwashed. Papers lay strewn across my desk. The room was an absolute disaster, except for a few small corners of the room in which I had arranged flowers, teddy bears, and tea cups exactly as I wanted them. Only a few areas were perfectly arranged to my approval. I

looked at the disaster. Once again, I had failed.

It seemed like I never had time to get everything "perfect" -- just as I wanted it. It was all too easy to get so caught up in the minute details that I neglected the more important parts of life. My attempts to write perfect letters sacrificed my peace of mind. And instead of relying on Jesus, I relied on myself and what I can do. And what was I left with?

Failure. Absolute failure.

That was the case, until I found my Savior meeting me in the midst of my mess. There He is, gently urging me to give up reliance on myself and my own abilities and to embrace His perfection. There He is, reminding me to rely on His perfect competence. One of the things that I think will be greatest about heaven is the absolute perfection. Sin will no longer haunt me. I will

enjoy perfect communion with God, along with a host of fellow believers. As I walk this road called the Christian life, I am continually discovering that it is the blood of Jesus which cleanses me and erases the imperfection and sin which entangles me. And what am I left with? Freedom. Absolute freedom. Freedom in Jesus Christ.

By Anna Parrish

"Music is supposed to be an escape. It's supposed to be somewhere you can go, where you can be yourself, or be whatever you wanna be."

-Joel Madden

Punk rockers Good Charlotte join NFG to inspire fans

By E.C. NEWMAN
STAFF WRITER

The only girl I wanna settle down with is a punk rock chick," Benji Madden of Good Charlotte said as the high school girls around me raised their black-nailed hands and screamed. Lead singer Joel Madden scanned the crowd, inciting more screams, and I wanted to join them in the delirium. But with no tattoos or piercings, I felt like I would be falsely advertising.

Tuesday, April 15th at Pepsi Coliseum in Indianapolis, I felt old. At twenty-two years of age, I was old. High schoolers, about an even mix of boys and girls, surrounded me in their excitement for the headlining bands. Civic Tour and TRL presented Good Charlotte and New Found Glory, the concert I'd been looking forward to all semester. In the last semester of my senior year, I needed a good distraction. I got one.

For those of you who haven't been keeping up with the music evolution from boy band pop to punk and garage band music, Good Charlotte and New Found Glory are growing punk bands. Both bands have recently released their sophomore album:

The Young & the Hopeless (GC) and Sticks and Stones (NFG). Good Charlotte's two singles, "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" and "The Anthem," made their appearance on TRL and held the number one for several days. New Found Glory's first single, "My Friend's Over You," and their second single, "Head On Collision," are still playing on MTV and VH1. Both bands mix upbeat punk music with fun, insightful lyrics.

I went to the concert because of Good Charlotte, not caring who else was playing. The quartet of Maryland twenty-somethings has captured something incredible. On the outside they look like typical rock stars: tattoos, piercings, eye makeup, black clothing and nonchalant expressions. To read their lyrics, listen to the interviews, these boys are grounded. The twins, Benji, lead guitarist, and Joel Madden, write these multi-layered songs. After their dad left them, their devout Christian mother tried to support her family, but the boys had to get jobs. In the midst of growing up fast, they started a band, and the rest, they say, is history.

Almost every song is laden with depth, the pain of losing their dad, being picked on at school, and how far they've

come. This band is so grateful for where they are, you can't help but respect them. They never insult other musicians but pay homage to the artists that got them started. (Benji has a tattoo for each of those brother bands: MXPX, Mest, New Found Glory, etc.) This month's Rolling Stone dubbed them the "Polite Punks." And they are.

Back to the concert, where I, as the Monkees and the Beatles lover for so many years, felt out of place. The opening bands The Disasters and Less Than Jake did little to engage me, perhaps because understanding what they were saying was impossible.

Good Charlotte greeted the audience with big smiles and lots of energy. The highlight for me was Benji's preface to their song, "Hold on," which speaks of the pain in life and just holding on. Benji mentioned how the band had lost friends to suicide and that they know life seems impossible at times. He went on to say that he was sure there were audience members who were at the end of their ropes and suicide seemed like the only choice. However, he continued, hold on, life will get better, don't give up. It was a perfect transition into the song and I was amazed. I looked around at these kids of numerous

ages, remembering how depressed I was in high school, how suicide was tempting. While my faith helped me, what do these kids have to stop them? They have their hero, a rock star, telling them that life is worth it and suicide is not the answer.

New Found Glory bounded on the stage after Good Charlotte with such intense energy that you couldn't help but join in. Their upbeat melodies and contrasting lyrics sucked the audience in. The songs tend to deal with dating frustrations and breakups, but they're fun. They played my favorite song, "Sonny," which is about losing a loved one and how memories last forever. They played as long as Good Charlotte but talked less, fitting in more music that night.

But there was a highlight from NFG as well. Somewhere in the middle of their set, guitarist Chad Gilbert began to speak. "I don't know whether you guys are like me and against war, but let's give it up for the troops!" Screams and cheers abounded throughout the Coliseum as Chad continued to say that we can have a concert today because of those troops fighting for us. They went into another song, but I was smiling too big to remember what it was. It is nice to hear



Photo by E.C. Newman

CHAD GILBERT PERFORMS with New Found Glory to an excited audience on April 15th.

support for the troops coming from an entertainer.

So, those were the highlights. While these were not really related to their music, they made the concert worth the drive and price. It's nice to know that some people are using their fame to be good role models. As weird as it might sound, I praised God that night during the concert. Everything good and beautiful comes from God...Amen.

Senior Art Exhibits



Photo by Matthew Wissman

Kevin Oakley's show, "TIME," questions linear and circular concepts of time. This photo, part of "Shadowland #1," is one of a series. "This is how I fill in the blanks," says Oakley of his theme.

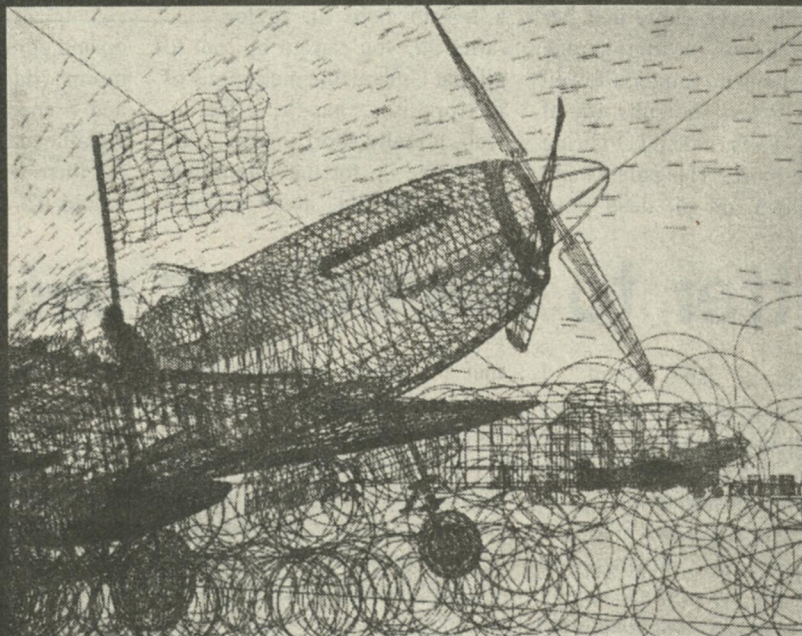


Photo by Matthew Wissman

Samuel J. Hamilton's "THE LAST GREAT WAR" was inspired by "the fortitude, camaraderie, and motivation" of Americans during WWII. This is "Repairing the Cadillac."

"Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records."

-William A. Ward

Here's two for the record books!

Trojan track team breaks two individual records at last week's Taylor Invitational

BY DAVE WATSON
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In what turned out to be a beautiful Good Friday afternoon, the Taylor track team set two new school records and three NAIA qualifying marks.

John Miles was one of Taylor's exceptional athletes to break a record. He jumped 7'1/2" to shatter the high jump record of 7'0". The track grew eerily quiet in anticipation as he concentrated on his jump. Immediately after his feet cleared the bar, the fans erupted in enthusiastic cheers that could be heard from every corner of the track.

This was a huge accomplishment for John since the old mark of 7'0" existed for nearly 30 years. In fact, Gary Friesen, who set the old record in 1975, was the first person to congratulate John on his achievement. After his congratulations, coaches and fans celebrated with John over his amazing feat.

But Miles was not the only person leaping over records at the Taylor Invitational. John Wachtmann had a plan of his



Photo by Bryan Smith

JAMES IMMORDINO JUMPS A HURDLE for the Trojan track team. Taylor set two school records in last week's Taylor Invitational. John Miles set the school record with a high jump of 7'1/2" and John Wachtmann set a school record with a 400-meter time of 48.28.

own as he set a new Taylor record in the 400-meter dash. He ran with lightning speed to cross the finish line in 48.28 seconds. The previous mark of 48.64 was set two years prior by

Wachtmann himself.

Finishing behind Wachtmann was sophomore standout Bryan Jackson who crossed the line in 49.06, a provisional time for the NAIA Championships. This

time also placed him 5th on the Taylor top ten list.

Other Trojans who looked impressive in Friday's meet were Spencer Finley and Richie Gibbs. Finley competed in the

3,000-meter race-walk and finished with a great time of 14:12.28. As a senior, this qualified him for his third NAIA Outdoor National Championships.

Gibbs was also busy sprinting to success as he captured the 100 and 200-meter sprints. His times of 11.16 and 22.85 respectively were good enough to hold off the competition in his two victories.

Overall, the Trojans were very successful in Friday's home meet. Not only were two school records broken, many individuals captured 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their events. Taylor's depth was evident and showed that they can compete with the vast majority of NAIA schools nationwide.

The Trojans will host the Mid-Central Conference Championships today and tomorrow. So come out and cheer on your favorite track athletes. They would all appreciate your support as they try to win the MCC Championships.

Friday's events will begin at 2:30 p.m. and Saturday's events at 1:30.

Trojan baseball falls upon hard times

BY JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball is an odd sport. It is one in which even the best team endures many losses. For example, last year's World Champion, the Anaheim Angels, lost 63 games.

The Taylor baseball team has found that out as well, enduring an up and down season. The team hasn't been able to string together more than two wins in a row all season and owns an 8-23 record.

Two weeks ago, Taylor split a double-header with St. Francis. In the first game, Taylor scored three runs in the third inning to jump out to a 3-0 lead. Taylor led 3-2 heading into the seventh, and Cory Neuenschwander retired the Cougars with the tying run on second to give the Trojans the win.

In the second game, Taylor only managed seven hits and struck out five times in a 4-2 loss to the Cougars.

Taylor then lost to Anderson

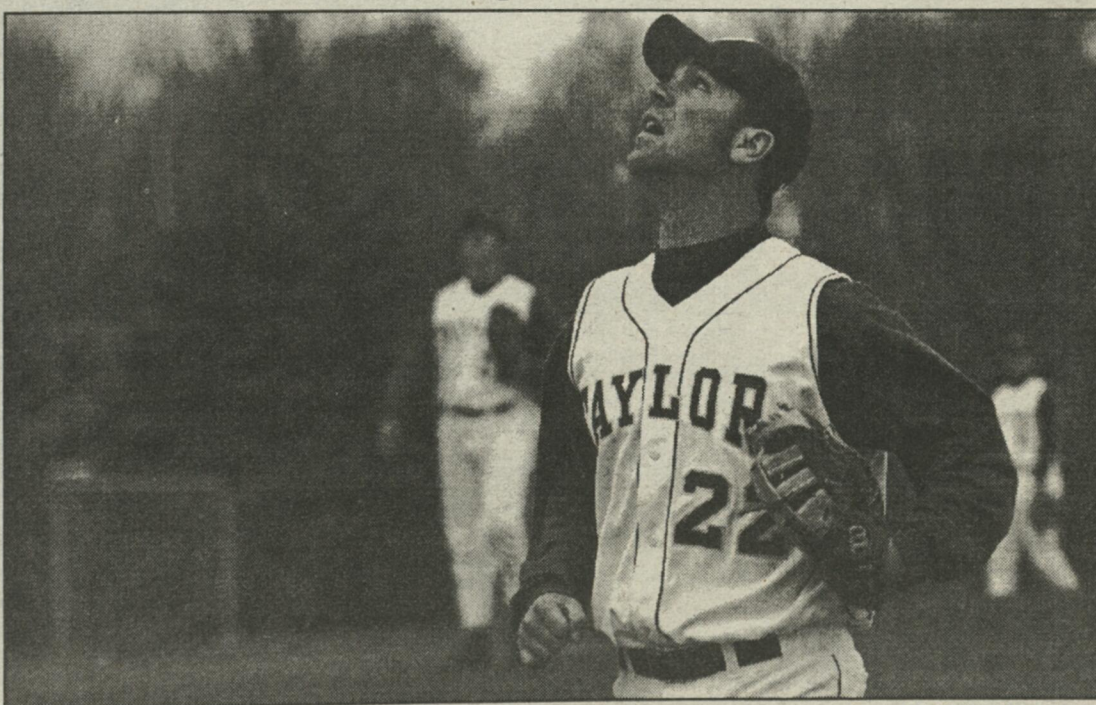


Photo by Megan Elder

JOSH COOPER TRACKS DOWN A FLY BALL for the Taylor baseball team. The Trojans lost a double-header to Bethel yesterday, 12-2 and 9-3. Taylor has a record of 8-23 with five games remaining in the regular season. Taylor travels to Bethel tomorrow at 1 p.m.

University 24-11 and dropped a double-header to Marian College 15-2 and 7-3.

Last Friday Taylor and Grace

split two games and then two more the next day.

The Trojans were then shut out in two straight games, 11-0 at

IPFW and 18-0 at Indiana University.

Yesterday, Taylor dropped two games to Bethel 12-2 and 9-3.

This week in Trojan sports

Friday

Track home- MCC Championships at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday

Baseball at Bethel at 1 p.m.
Track home- MCC Championships at 1:30 p.m.
Tennis at Cedarville at 11 a.m.

Lacrosse Club at CCLA Tournament in Detroit at 9 a.m.

Monday

Baseball at Goshen at 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Baseball at Huntington at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Golf at Region 8 Tournament in Coldwater, Mich. at 9 a.m.

Friday

Tennis at Region 8 Tournament in Indianapolis at 9 a.m.
Softball at MCC Tournament at Indiana Wesleyan

"Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation."

-Frank McKinney Hubbard

Lady Trojans continue downward spiral

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

The softball team continued its losing ways the past two week, dropping all 10 of its games. The team hasn't been able to find a rhythm all season.

Two weeks ago, they dropped a double-header to Oakland City 2-1 and 6-3.

In the first game, Sarah Sarracino held Oakland to just six hits and two runs, but the Lady Trojans were only able to muster one run on a Brooke Kanitz RBI.

In game two, Oakland raced out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the seventh. Taylor made a valiant comeback but fell short, leaving the tying run at the plate.

Taylor then traveled to St. Mary's of the Woods and fell 11-1 and 6-3 in a double-header.

Three days later, they were ousted in two games by Indiana Wesleyan 11-2 and 10-2.

On Tuesday, Taylor traveled to Grace and dropped two heart-breaking games 4-3 and 7-6.



Photo by Matthew Wissman

A LADY TROJAN BASERUNNER slides safely across home plate. Taylor has lost 10 in a row heading into the Mid-Central Conference Tournament next Friday.

In the first game, Taylor scored twice in the top of the seventh inning to tie it up at three. Grace answered in the bottom of the inning, however, with a two-out squeeze play to knock off

Taylor 4-3.

In game two, Taylor led 6-5 in the sixth, but gave up two runs in the bottom of the inning and couldn't score in the seventh.

Wednesday, Taylor hosted

Bethel but was held scoreless in two games. Bethel won the first 9-0 and the second 4-0.

The Lady Trojans play in the Mid-Central Conference tournament next Friday.

Weather dampens season for Trojans

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

Golf is a sport meant to be played in sunshine and warm weather. That hasn't been the case this spring for the Taylor golf team. Indiana's unpredictable weather has throttled the team every match and led to some less than ideal conditions.

"The weather has been awful in every match," sophomore Peter Hart said. "We've played in rain, 20 mph wind and cold weather. It's hard to swing when you're wearing so many clothes."

The unfortunate weather conditions have landed the Trojans a fourth place finish in the Mid-Central Conference.

Taylor finished fourth in its matches at Indiana Wesleyan, Grace, Sienna Heights and St. Francis.

Monday's match was the worst of the season for Taylor, as it finished sixth.

"We just played really bad at Morris Park Golf Course," Hart said. "Steven Downey was our low man with a 77. I shot in the



Photo by Bryan Smith

A TAYLOR GOLFER TEES OFF in a match for the Trojans. The team has suffered through bad weather all season, finishing fourth in the Mid-Central Conference. It plays in regionals next week.

mid 80's."

Yesterday, Taylor bounced back from that sixth place finish with a fourth place finish at St. Francis.

Downey, a freshman, was the low man again and medalist for Taylor, shooting a 70. Taylor as a

team shot a 312, its lowest total of the season.

Individuals have played well throughout the season, but Taylor has had trouble stringing those individual efforts together regularly.

"We just haven't been able to

put it all together at the same time," Hart said. "Some guys will play well one day but not the next. We just need to all be on the same page."

Taylor travels to Coldwater, Mich. for regionals next Wednesday.

Lacrosse club set for CCLA Tourney

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Trojan lacrosse team may be only a club sport at Taylor, but it doesn't play like it.

The record shows a team just above .500 at 7-6, but its mostly Division 1 schedule will tell you that there's much more than just numbers.

After losses to Indiana University and Illinois State University, 13-7 and 9-4 respectively, Taylor found its 'A' game just in time for league play.

Its first conference game was at Eastern Michigan University. Taylor handed the Eagles a 10-9 loss in a thrilling overtime game. Senior middle Brooks Odle scored the game-winning goal just minutes into the overtime period to put the Trojans atop the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association.

Three days later, Taylor traveled to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and defeated the Redhawks 6-5. The loss was Miami's first home loss in 21 games, spanning three years.

Taylor returned home to throttle Holy Cross University 21-1 and the University of Michigan-Dearborn 20-2.

Purdue University came to town the next day and ousted the Trojans 14-8.

Last Friday, Taylor traveled to Grand Valley State University and beat Ferris State 16-6 and Grand Valley State 8-7 to move to 4-0 in the CCLA.

Saturday, Taylor played at Northwestern University but was beaten by the University of Wisconsin 5-2 and Northwestern 9-8.

Tuesday Taylor returned to Ind. and whipped Ball State 16-5.

Tomorrow Taylor plays in the CCLA Tournament in Detroit against GVSU at 9 a.m. The championship is at 9 p.m.

"The great thing about it," said coach Nate Bates, "is that we can carry the Taylor name to places it's never been before."